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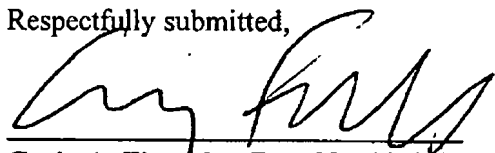
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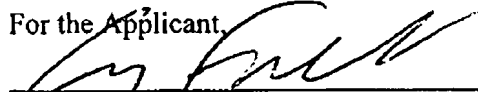
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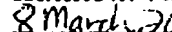
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		<b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)</b>
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<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SENSING THE CONDITION OF A DEVICE, PROCESS MATERIAL OR STRUCTURE</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> JONES, Barry E.; AU, Yuen, Hong, Joseph; RAKOWSKI, Ryszard T.; KAEWKONGKA, Tonphong		
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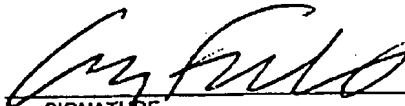
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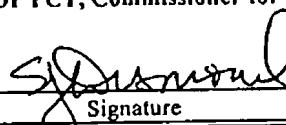
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